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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE

-- PRESIDENT FROM COUNCIL OF STATE CHAIRMAN STOPH

-- AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CHAIRMAN SINDERMANN

1. FYI: FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT RECEIVED

JULY 2 BY INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAM:

BEGIN QUOTE: IN THE NAME OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND  
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC, WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE WOULD  
LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR CONVICTION THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GERMAN  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE REALIZATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF  
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PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLES AND

IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND SECURITY. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY,  
OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN THE  
FUTURE.

WILLI STOPH, CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF STATE  
HORST SINDERMAN, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. END QUOTE. END FYI.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD  
BE DELIVERED TO STOPH AND SINDERMAN:

BEGIN QUOTE: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,  
MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME  
MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION  
OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.  
AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES  
REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO ACHIEVING  
THE PRINCIPLES WHICH GUIDED OUR FOUNDING FATHERS  
200 YEARS AGO. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND  
CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES  
WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.  
END QUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF  
RECIPIENTS WISH TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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